



**UN-OHRLS**

## **Workshop for the National Focal Points of the Least Developed Countries on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action**

**7 and 8 December 2015**

**Room 3A (third floor), Centre Borschette, Brussels**

### **Draft Agenda**

#### *Monday 7 December 2015*

##### **9:30 – 10:15 am -- Opening session**

- KEYNOTE ADDRESS** by H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Cooperation of Belgium
- Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLS)
- Ambassador Riitta Resch, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

##### **10:30 am – 1 pm -- Session 1: Towards the Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action**

- Presentation by Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLS, on global preparations
- Statement by Bangladesh representative as Chair of LDC Group
- Interactive debate.

##### **1-3 pm Lunch break**

##### **3 – 6 pm -- Session 2: Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action at the national level**

- Presentations by National Focal Points: summary of national midterm review reports, including strategies for graduation from the LDC category by 2020 (5-7 minutes max.);
- Interactive debate.

*Tuesday 8 December 2015*

**10 am – 1 pm-- Session 2 (cont.ed) : Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action at the national level**

- Presentations by National Focal Points: summary of national midterm review reports, including strategies for graduation from the LDC category by 2020 (5-7 minutes max.)
- Interactive debate.

**1-3 pm Lunch break**

**3 - 5 pm – Session 3: Exchange of views with European Commission on development cooperation in support of LDCs**

- Presentation by Ms Chiara Perdicca, International Aid/Cooperation Officer, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission , on EU policies and activities in Southern Africa
- Questions and Answers
- Break out groups on sub-regional basis to exchange experiences

**5:00 – 6:00 pm -- Closing session**

**EVENING PROGRAMME**

6:30 pm – Reception offered by the Government of Belgium in honor of the LDC National Focal Points

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